



# Titus Women

ALL OF ME FOR ALL OF JESUS

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

## ***To Know and Be Known***

We will begin our study with a preview on John's understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in personal encounters with Jesus. The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in John's gospel, and we begin to understand the nature of the Trinity and the nature of how God interacts with His creation.

I invite you to ask the Holy Spirit, the Helper, to bear witness to the person of Jesus in your own heart, soul, mind, and life (John 15:26). Ask the Holy Spirit to speak the words of Jesus deep into your person and bring His words to your mind throughout the day (John 14:23,15:13). Ask Him to glorify Jesus in your life (John 15:14). We do not study the words of Jesus for knowledge but in order to know Him and be known by Him—the Holy Spirit accomplishes this work in us.

When we come to study the Bible, we do not come alone! We come in the presence of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit becomes our teacher so we can understand the words of Jesus. Like the two men on the Emmaus Road listening to Jesus, the Holy Spirit walks with us and teaches us about the way of Jesus. He explains Jesus' words to us and makes sense of all of God's story so that we can each understand. He gives each person spiritual wisdom, insight and knowledge (Ephesians 3:16–19) so that each one might know the depth of God's love and the fullness of God Himself in daily life.

The passages below will help us understand the One who is weaving the story of these women in John together and enabling people 2000 years later to find abundant life in Jesus. By the Holy Spirit's invitation, we come to Jesus—welcomed and wanted!!

- The same Spirit who descended on Jesus at the Jordan River is the Spirit who bears witness to Jesus in our own lives (John 1:32).
- He is the One who enables us to see Jesus for who He really is (John 1:33).
- Anyone who is born of the Spirit will receive the Kingdom of God (3:5).
- The Holy Spirit is out of our control, and yet Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask (3:8). The Spirit is bestowed not coerced or controlled.
- God the Father will give the Holy Spirit without measure, and the Spirit speaks the words of God into our lives. This is a living promise (3:34).
- Jesus has come and encounters us so that we might worship the Father in Spirit and in truth (4:23). The Father is spirit, so when we worship Him through the Holy Spirit, we enter His immediate presence.
- The Spirit gives life to all who seek Jesus (6:63). Romans 8 declares that the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us to bring resurrection life now.
- If anyone is thirsty, come to Jesus and drink, and out of your life will flow rivers of living water through the Spirit of Jesus (7:38-39).
- He is the Spirit of truth, and though the world cannot see Him, we know Him (14:17).
- He is the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth. He proceeds from the Father and testifies of Jesus (15:26).



## The Holy Spirit

- Guides us into all truth.
- Speaks not of Himself but of Jesus.
- Speaks what He hears.
- Shows us what is to come.
- Glorifies Jesus.
- Receives what belongs to Jesus and gives it to us (John 16:13).

As Jesus mediates the New Covenant through His body and His blood, He, through the Holy Spirit, mediates and enables an intimacy and immediacy between the person of Jesus and the believer, so that the New Covenant can be a living reality in every person's life. As Jesus came to make the Father known, the Spirit lives to make Jesus known, and through the Holy Spirit we see the face of Jesus and then the face of the Father

~Cricket Albertson